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MODULAR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL IN PULSED POWER TECHNOLOGY*

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Introduction

The recent rapid development of pulsed power technology and education has suffered from the lack of modern educational material, such as text books or even organized reference material**. With support from the USAF, we have taken steps to remedy both these shortcomings. The organization of a computerized pulsed power reference source is described in a separate paper at this conference. In this paper we describe the development of modular instructional material in pulsed power technology.

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** The only reasonable text material is "Pulse Generators", Edited by G.N. Glasoe and J.V. Lebacqz, McGraw Hill Book Co. and Dover Publications, Inc., which is over 30 years old! In addition, Dr. J. Sarjeant of LANL is preparing the collection of a set of notes for a handbook on Pulse Power Conditioning.

Module Development

The Department of Electrical Engineering at Texas Tech University has, for the last year, organized a pulsed power lecture series for the USAF. The lectures are offered every other week at the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio and at the Air Force Weapons Laboratory at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Each lecture lasts for approximately 2½ hours and is tutorial in nature. The lecture topics range from the fundamental to the advanced level (e.g. Basic EM Field Theory or Opening Switch Technology). All lectures so far have been unclassified but it is possible that some future lectures may contain classified material. The lecturers are chosen for their expertise in the lecture topic and come from universities, industry, and national laboratories, and in some special cases from foreign laboratories. Each lecturer prepares a written module covering his lecture topic. These modules are edited and published by Texas Tech University. It is intended that suitable collections of these modules will be republished in report or book form. Many of the modules are presently in use in the undergraduate and graduate pulsed power engineering courses at TTU. The main lecture topics and the lecturers to date are listed below. Beyond the current 35 scheduled topics, more than 15 additional topics are envisioned, as shown. Many of the lecture attendees, especially at the AFWL, are receiving Continuing Education Units (CEU) from TTU.

1. "Introduction to Pulsed Power"
A.H. Guenther - Air Force Weapons Laboratory
2. "Some Basic Concepts and Fundamentals of H.V. Generators"
M. Kristiansen - Texas Tech University
3. "Basic Electromagnetic Field Theory"
M. Kristiansen - Texas Tech University
4. "Circuit and Transmission Line Theory"
M.O. Hagler - Texas Tech University
5. "Electric and Magnetic Properties of Materials"
E.E. Kunhardt - Texas Tech University

6. "Diodes, Electron Beams and Bremsstrahlung"
R.K. Parker and C.A. Kapetanakis -
Naval Research Laboratory
 7. "Prime Power"
F.C. Brockhurst - Air Force Institute of Technology
 8. "Mechanical Energy Storage and Electromechanical Energy"
W. Weldon - The University of Texas at Austin
 9. "Principal Features in Large Capacitor Banks"
E.L. Kemp - Los Alamos National Laboratory
 10. "Energy Storage Capacitors"
W.J. Sarjeant - Los Alamos National Laboratory
 11. "Marx Generators"
T.H. Martin - Sandia National Laboratories
 12. "Other Voltage Multiplier Scheme Variants"
K. Prestwich - Sandia National Laboratories
 13. "Inductive Energy Storage"
P. Turchi - R&D Associates
 14. "Explosive Generators"
W. Cowan - Sandia National Laboratories
 15. "Chemical Energy Storage"
W.S. Bishop - AF Wright Aeronautical Laboratories
 16. "Pulsed MHD Generators"
C. Bangerter - STD Research Corporation
 17. "Power Conditioning"
G.K. Simcox - Raytheon Company
 18. "Transformers"
J. O'Loughlin - Air Force Weapons Laboratory
 19. "Power Flow Through Interfaces"
V.P. Vandevender - Sandia National Laboratories
 20. "Pulse Forming Networks"
R. Butcher - Los Alamos National Laboratory
 21. "Gas Breakdown"
E.E. Kunhardt - Texas Tech University
 22. "Vacuum Switching"
A.S. Gilmour - State University of N.Y./Buffalo
 23. "Solid State Switching"
W.M. Portnoy - Texas Tech University
 24. "Thyratrons"
D. Turnquist - E G & G
 25. "Magnetic Switches and Circuits"
W.C. Nunnally - Los Alamos National Laboratory
 26. "Ignitron Switches"
D. Cummings - Physics International Co.
 27. "Mechanical Switches"
M. Parsons - Los Alamos National Laboratory
 28. "Breakdown in Water"
R. Miller - Maxwell Laboratories, Inc.
 29. "Current Interruption-Explosive and Fuse Switching"
I. Vitkovitsky - Naval Research Laboratory
 30. "Solid, Liquid, and Gaseous Switches"
J.C. Martin - Aldermaston, Reading, England
 31. "Gas Insulated Spark Gaps"
M.O. Hagler and M. Kristiansen - Texas Tech Univ.
 32. "Repetitive Switching"
M. Buttram - Sandia National Laboratories
 33. "Electro-Magnetic Field Measurements"
C. Baum - Air Force Weapons Laboratory
 34. "Opening Switches"
K.H. Schoenbach and M. Kristiansen -
Texas Tech University
 35. "Current and Voltage Measurements"
R. Hebner - National Bureau of Standards
- Some other planned lecture topics are:
1. Foreign Pulsed Power Technology
 2. Modeling Techniques
 3. Protective Circuits and Grounding Techniques
 4. Control Systems
 5. Modulator Design
 6. Radar Systems
 7. Laser Systems
 8. Particle Accelerators
 9. Particle Beam Fusion
 10. Directed Beam Weapons
 11. Nuclear Weapons Effects Simulation
 12. Electronic Countermeasures
 13. High Beta Magnetic Fusion
 14. Coherent Radiation from Relativistic Beams
 15. Industrial Applications of Pulsed Power Technology
- SUMMARY
- The series, so far, appear to have been very successful and the modules, although somewhat late in being issued due to author tardiness, are filling an educational need. Countries, such as Japan and West Germany (FRG), have shown considerable interest in the modules. Various methods for making the modules more generally available are being studied. The program is currently being supported until April, 1982. Beyond that time, it may be necessary to continue a limited lecture series to update some of the modules and to add certain new topics.